

HOUSE BILL 2580
By West

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54,
relative to damages on rights of way of public
roads.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section thereto:

Section 54-5-145. The Tennessee department of transportation is authorized to
pay for the removal of or any damages to private properties on state highway rights of
way. The department of transportation shall fund from the resources in the highway fund
the cost of the removal of or damages to any private properties on state highway rights
of way.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act are declared to be remedial in nature and to that
end shall apply to all construction occurring after January 1, 1999, in counties having a
metropolitan form of government.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.